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Applicants: Steven M. Blumenau, et al.  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INITIALIZING LOGICAL OBJECTS IN A  
DATA STORAGE SYSTEM  
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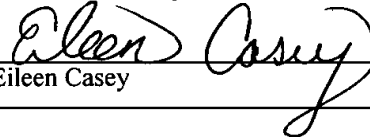
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please rewrite claims 1-6, 8, 11-17, 19, 21, and 22 as follows:

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1. (Thrice Amended) A storage system for use in a computer system including a host computer, the storage system comprising:  
at least one storage device having a plurality of user-accessible storage locations, the at least one storage device including at least one disk drive;  
a cache memory; and  
a controller, coupled to the cache memory and the at least one storage device, that controls access to the at least one storage device from the host computer, the controller being capable of generating data that is independent of any data passed from the host computer to the storage system and writing the generated data to a first user-accessible storage location of the

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